

## **PEN Awards**

The PEN Literary Awards are the most comprehensive in the United States. Each year, with the help of its partners and supporters, PEN confers more than \$150,000 to writers in the fields of fiction, science writing, essays, sports writing, biography, children's literature, translation, drama, or poetry.

### *PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize: (First Novel or Short Story Fiction Collection)*

#### *Winners:*

2011 – DB 72431 *Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self* by Danielle Evans – *Contemporary Fiction*

#### *Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 78290 *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra – *Historical Fiction*

### *PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay: (Collection of Nonfiction Essays)*

#### *Winners:*

2012 – DB 74186 *Arguably* by Christopher Hitchens – *Miscellaneous Topics*

2011 – DB 73544 *The Possessed: Adventures with Russian Books and the People Who Read Them* – *Autobiographical Memoirs* (Runner-Up)

DB 73755 *Listen to This* by Alex Ross – *Music/Musicians* (Runner-Up)

#### *Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 76599 *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris – *Wit/Humor*

DB 78401 *The Faraway Nearby* by Rebecca Solnit – *Biographical Essays*

### *PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award: (Physical or Biological Sciences)*

#### *Winners:*

2015 – DB 79706 *War of the Whales: A True Story* by Joshua Horwitz – *Marine Science/Environmental Law*

2013 – DB 74907 *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior* by Leonard Mlodinow – *Psychology*

2012 – DB 73808 *The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood* by James Gleick – *Science History*

2011 – DB 72227 *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee – *Medical Science*

#### *Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 77167 *The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light* by Paul Bogard – *Light Pollution*

DB 77656 *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink – *Journalism/Ecological Disaster*

### *PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction:*

#### *Winners:*

2015 – DB 77656 *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink – *Natural Disasters/Survival/Adventure Biography*

#### *Shortlists:*

### *PEN/Open Book Award: (Book-Length Work by an Author of Color)*

#### *Winners:*

2015 – DB 81184 *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine – *Racial Issues/Autobiography*

2013 – DB 74877 *The Grey Album: On the Blackness of Blackness* by Kevin Young – *Black Culture/Music/Literature*

*Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 76458 *Ghana Must Go* by Taiye Selasi – *Contemporary Fiction*

*PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography:*

*Winners:*

2013 – DB 75664 *The Black Count: Glory, Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* by Tom Reiss – *Historical Biography*

2012 – DB 74047 *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie – *Historical Biography/Royal Biography*

2011 – DB 72130 *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff – *Historical Biography/Royal Biography*

DB 73809 *A Great Unrecorded History: A New Life of E.M. Forster* by Wendy Moffat – *Historical Biography/Author Biography* (Runner-Up)

*Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 77421 *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly, and the Making of the Modern Middle East* by Scott Anderson – *WWI Biography/Middle Eastern History*

DB 78042 *American Mirror: The Life and Art of Norman Rockwell* by Deborah Solomon – *Artist Biography/Art Criticism*

*PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing:*

*Winners:*

2015 – DB 80266 *Boy on Ice: The Life and Death of Derek Boogaard* by John Branch – *Sports Biography/Hockey*

*Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 77752 *Collision Low Crossers: A Year Inside the Turbulent World of NFL Football* by Nicholas Dawidoff – *Sports Journalism/Football Biography*

DB 77479 *The Sports Gene: Inside the Science of Extraordinary Athletic Performance* by David Epstein – *Sports Science*

*PEN Translation Prize: (Book-Length Translation of Prose into English)*

*Winners:*

2013 – DB 76504 *The Island of Second Sight: From the Applied Recollections of Vigoleis* by Albert Vigoleis Thelen – *Literary Fiction/ Foreign Historical Fiction/ Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century*

*Shortlists:*

2014 – DB 77695 *The African Shore* by Rodrigo Rey Rosa – *Travel Fiction*

DB 77384 *The Emperor's Tomb* by Joseph Roth – *European Historical Fiction/WWI Fiction*